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CALLING ALL CONSERVATIONISTS

March brings us again to *California Conservation Week - 7th to 14th* - and later in the month to *National Wildlife Week.* But for Audubon members Conservation thinking and action should be like a religion - practiced every day of the year! Don't be an "armchair conservationist" when your spoken word or letter are so often needed. A letter from a housewife or an invalid shut-in, even from a school child, sometimes goes far in influencing the action of your public official or elected representative, whether he be city councilman, state legislator or congressman. It is better that you do not mention Audubon or any other similar affiliation. We ask you to form your own ideas on current conservation issues from available information and then to communicate them as free, independent citizen . . and taxpayer!

We sincerely hope that you read and think over the sections in each Audubon magazine entitled *The President Speaks to You* and the *National Capital Report.* Audubon members who also belong to the Sierra Club, Citizens for Regional Parks and Recreation, California Roadside Council, Tamalpais Conservation Council, or similar Bay Region or statewide organizations will receive abundant information on issues and developments close to home. Or they may drop in and find a good supply of conservation material at the Rotary Natural Science Center in Lakeside Park, Oakland.

Then, within the next few weeks, you should attend the meeting of the Citizens for Regional Parks and Recreation at the Kaiser Center, Oakland, on Saturday, March 2, the Wilderness Conference in San Francisco, March 8 - 10, at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, and *of course,* the Audubon Western Conference in Asilomar in April.

A Conservation Panel with people you know is planned for station KTVU at noon, Sunday, March 3, and the Oakland Tribune has promised space for a series of local conservation writers during Conservation Week.

— PAUL COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

RECENT FIELD TRIPS

Dillon's Beach, January 13 — In the morning stops were made along the eastside of Tomales Bay, wherever large concentrations of wintering water birds appeared. Species of particular interest included a few Black Brant; the Common, Arctic, and Red-throated Loon; the Red-necked, Horned, Eared, Western, and Pied-billed Grebe. A Ferruginous Hawk was seen by the roadside near Dillon's Beach. On the hike to Lawson's Landing, after lunch part of the group located a Golden Plover in a dune meadow behind the beach. The last event of the day was a trip to Abbott's Lagoon to see a Trumpeter Swan. This bird may be the same one that was at the Lagoon last winter. The swan was near enough to the shore to be seen very well by telescope.— *Alice Williams, Co-Leader & Historian.*

FIELD NOTES—The Tropical Kingbird, which has been a subject of interest on Bay Farm Island since the middle of November, has reappeared. It had not been seen since January 17, but from February 6 through February 10 it was seen almost daily near Beach Road in the vicinity of Godfrey Park. Fog and cold apparently sent it foraging over a broader area, but a favorite perch still appears to be the fence around the golf course.

Time and tide for railing were exactly right on February 8. Off McCartney Road, Howard Cogswell, two of his students and I saw 17 Clapper Rails and 6 Soras in less than half an hour. The high tide (6.4) had brought the rails out of the Salicornia. They were on land, on floating debris, in small patches of plants not quite submerged, and swimming in the water. —ELSIE ROEMER

IN MEMORIAM

A gift of remembrance to the Canyon Ranch Fund
In memory of
Mrs. Chambers

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—DR. ALBERT BOLES, *Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman*

SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, 1962

Area covered: Marina, Palace of Fine Arts, McLaren Park, Land's End, Sutro Heights, Golden Gate Park, Lake Merced, Pacific Ocean Beach, Seal Rocks, Presidio, San Francisco and Marin County Bayshore, Rodeo Lagoon, Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands, San Francisco docks and small city parks.

*Observers and Leaders:** *Dr. Albert Boles, *Robert Chase, *Mrs. Robert Da Costa, Jr., Mr. Robert Da Costa, Jr., John Dutro, Darryl Fisher, Chris Kralj, Jan Kroesen, *Elizabeth Lennon, Edward Martin, *Joan Mayerle, *Robert Peterson, *Harold Peterson, Dr. Henry Rosen, Steve Rosen, *Richard Stallcup, and *Patricia Triggs.

Totals: 114 species, 15,131 individuals, 17 observers.

Computor: Harold Peterson *Species of special interest

LOON, Common	2	Herring	67
Red-throated	4	California	254
GREBE, Horned	13	Ring-billed	94
Eared	53	Mew	695
Western	724	Bonaparte's	35
Pied-billed	33	Heermann's	5
PELICAN, White	75	PIGEON, Band-tailed	2
Brown	5	DOVE, Rock	450
CORMORANT, Double-Cr.	10	OWL, Screech	1
Brandt's	247	HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's	39
Pelagic	27	*Rufous	1
EGRET, Common	1	Allen's	1
GOOSE, Canada	14	KINGFISHER, Belted	2
White-fronted	2	*FLICKER, Yellow-shafted	1
Snow	5	Red-shafted	31
Mallard	221	WOODPECKER, Acorn	1
Pintail	4	SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied	2
WIDGEON, American	163	WOODPECKER, Downy	5
Shoveler	14	PHOEBE, Black	7
DUCK, Ring-necked	13	Say's	1
Canvasback	223	JAY, Steller's	2
SCAUP, Greater	401	Scrub	20
Lesser	41	RAVEN, Common	2
GOLDENEYE, Common	10	CHICKADEE, Chestnut-bk.	77
Bufflehead	13	BUSHTIT, Common	70
SCOTER, White-winged	6	NUTHATCH, Red-breasted	31
Surf	247	*Pygmy	2
Common	30	CREEPER, Brown	3
DUCK, Ruddy	1,638	Wrentit	19
MERGANSER, Red-breasted	3	*WREN, House	2
HAWK, Sharp-shinned	1	Winter	3
Cooper's	2	Bewick's	4
Red-tailed	5	Long-billed Marsh	4
Sparrow	4	Mockingbird	1
QUAIL, California	47	ROBIN	93
COOT, American	638	THRUSH, Varied	1
Killdeer	2	Hermit	3
*Surfbird	31	KINGLET, Golden-crowned	96
TURNSTONE, Black	36	Ruby-crowned	66
Willet	25	PIPIT, Water	107
Dunlin	8	WAXWING, CEDAR	15
Sanderling	243	SHRIKE, Loggerhead	6
JAEGER, Parasitic	2	*Starling	50
GULL, Glaucous-winged	91	VIREO, Hutton's	5
Western	195		

WARBLER, Orange-crowned	4
Audubon's	21
Townsend's	3
Yellowthroat	2
SPARROW, House	222
MEADOWLARK, Western	3
BLACKBIRD, Red-winged	15
Brewer's	1,054
COWBIRD, Brown-headed	9
FINCH, Purple	3
House	129
SISKIN, Pine	26
GOLDFINCH, American	2
Lesser	5
TOWHEE, Rufous-sided	10
SPARROW, Savannah	2
JUNCO, Slate-colored	1
Oregon	216
SPARROW, White-crowned	715
Golden-crowned	215
White-throated	1
Fox	79
Lincoln's	1
Song	75
*WARBLER, Palm	1
160 Ducks Species?	
4,000 Gulls Species?	
150 Cormorants Species?	

OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT—1962

Area covered: 15 mile diameter circle, centered at Wildwood Avenue and Highland Avenue, Piedmont.

Weather: 27° to 45°. Wind: w-nw, 1-5 miles per hour. Foggy over Bay to 10:00 A.M., clear and cold rest of area.

Leaders: Albert Boles, Howard Cogswell, Paul Covel, A. L. Curl, Paul De Benedictis, Lynn Farrar, Marshall Jeneks, L. R. Leinbach, James Linford, Marie Mans, Jack Mann, Arthur Myers, Dave Niehols, Harold Peterson, Beth C. Snyder, Lee Stalleup, Richard Stalleup, Arthur Wang, Edwin Willis.

Observers: Eight Boy Scouts (Leader, Albert Boles), Mrs. Hallie Curl, Harold Connon Mrs. Violet Jeneks, Bruce Harris, Mrs. Mary Leinbaeh, Mrs. Elizabeth Lennon, Franeis Krause, Mrs. Ida Krause, Linda Krause, Mrs. Graee Lewis, Richard Leuba, Mrs. Richard Leuba, Al Kyte, Mrs. Junea Kelly, Daon Payne, Sterling Braeket, Marjorie Reu, Jan Kroesen, Jessie Saunders, Hugh Spitzer, John Thomas, Polly Thomas, Patricia Tiggard, Patrieia Triggs, William Wade, B. B. Wilder.

Totals: 34 observers, 152 species, approximately 99,599 individuals. Twenty-two people attended the buffet dinner at Mrs. P. M. Watt's home, in the evening and had a most enjoyable time.

*Species of speeial interest **Numbers of Speeial interest

Seen in count period but not on day of eount: Western Tanager, Tropieal Kingbird.

Compiler: Loris P. Smith

LOON, Common	3
Aretie	3
Red-throated	8
GREBE, Red-neeked	5
Horned	43
Eared	109
Western	105
Pied-billed	19
PELICAN, White	1
CORMORANT, Double-er.	70
Pelagie	2
HERON, Great Blue	5
EGRET, Common	12
Snowy	29
GOOSE, Canada	310
Mallard	660
Gadwall	1
Pintail	499
TEAL, Green-winged	45
Cinnamon	18
WIDGEON, Ameriean	1,147
Shoveler	132
DUCK, Wood	16
Redhead	4
DUCK, Ring-neeked	41
Canvasbaek	2,029
SCAUP, Greater	1,218
Lesser	189
**Sp?	21,148
GOLDENEYE, Common	443
Bufflehead	478
*Oldsquaw	1
SCOTER, White-winged	622
Sp?	3,325
**DUCK, Ruddy	1,019
Sp?	2,140
MERGANSER, Hooded	1
Common	15
Red-breasted	43
VULTURE, Turkey	49
HAWK, Sharp-shinned	1
Cooper's	4
Red-tailed	25
EAGLE, Golden	1
HAWK, Marsh	4
Sparrow	24
QUAIL, California	202
PHEASANT, Ring-nkd.	2
RAIL, Clapper	7
COOT, Ameriean	1,544

PLOVER, Semipalmatd.	53
Snowy	44
Killdeer	147
PLOVER, Blk-bellied	1,778
TURNSTONE, Ruddy	2
Black	8
SNIPE, Common	71
CURLEW, Long-bld.	320
Whimbrel	24
SANDPIPER, Spotted	2
Willet	1,619
YELLOWLEGS, Greater	9
°Lesser	1
Knot	10
SANDPIPER, Sp.?	835
Least	450
°°Dunlin	19,650
DOWITCHER, Short-billed	907
Long-billed	4
SANDPIPER, Western	7,640
GODWIT, Marbled	459
°°Sanderling	1,512
AVOCET, American	2,898
GULL, Sp?	3,,250
Glaucous-wgd.	958
Western	190
Herring	532
California	838
Ring-billed	832
Mew	397
Bonaparte's	317
TERN, Forster's	5
MURRELET, Sp.?	3
°Ancient	1
PIGEON, Band-tailed	143
DOVE, Mourning	552
OWL, Barn	2
Screech	5
Great Horned	8
Burrowing	2
Short-eared	1
SWIFT, White-throated	4
HUMMINGBIRD, Anna's	101
KINGFISHER, Belted	2
FLICKER, Yellow-shafted	2
Red-shafted	145
WOODPECKER, Acorn	8
SAPSUCKER, Yellow-bellied	6
WOODPECKER, Hairy	3
Downy	5
Nuttall's	1
PHOEBE, Black	4
Say's	4
LARK, Horned	118
JAY, Steller's	96
Scrub	259
CROW, Common	41
CHICKADEE, Chestnut-bk.	260
TITMOUSE, Plain	66
BUSHTIT, Common	258
NUTHATCH, White-brstd.	4
Red-breasted	25
CREEPER, Brown	1
Wrentit	227
WREN, Bewick's	48
WREN, Cañon	1
Rock	11
Mockingbird	16
THRASHER, California	43
°°ROBIN	755
THRUSH, Varied	64
Hermit	35
BLUEBIRD, Western	4
KINGLET, Golden-crwn.	21
Ruby-crowned	55
PIPIT, Water	202
WAXWING, Cedar	194
SHRIKE, Loggerhead	13
°°Starling	835
VIREO, Hutton's	14
WARBLER, Orange-crwn	5
°°Myrtle	100
Audubon's	99
Townsend's	2
SPARROW, House	508
MEADOWLARK, Western	373
BLACKBIRD, Redwinged	526
Brewer's	903
COWBIRD, Brownheaded	4
FINCH, Purple	22
House	736
SISKIN, Pine	1,115
GOLDFINCH, American	43
Lesser	34
TOWHEE, Rufous-sided	106
Brown	574
SPARROW, Savannah	87
Lark	1
JUNCO, Slated-colored	1
Oregon	1,409
SPARROW, White-crowned	635
Golden-crowned	462
White-throated	3
Fox	120
Lincoln's	4
Song	182

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Committee—A new youth leadership series has been planned under the guidance of Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg. Parents or youth leaders are invited to meet with her at Rotary Natural Science Center, Lakeside Park, Oakland, from 10 to 12, on Saturday morning, March 16. A field trip for parents and children will be planned, and Mrs. Nickelsburg will discuss how to prepare for and how to conduct such a trip. Please invite anyone interested to be present. For further information phone Elsie Roemer, LA 2-0941.

SUNROOF SAFARI, a full length eolor film of Afriean wildlife—animals, birds, plants, seenie views—taken by Mr. & Mrs. Gerhard Bakker of Los Angeles, will be shown in Berkeley Little Theatre, Thursday, April 18, at 8 P. M. The film is to be presented jointly by the Golden Gate Audubon Soeiety and Nature Conservancy as a benefit for Canyon Raneh and Conservaney operations.

GRASSLAND FIELD TRIP, Mareh 23-24. Saeramento Audubon Soeiety invites members of other Audubon soeieties to join them in an annual overnight trip to the "grasslands" of western Mereed County. Groups will meet at *Canal Farm Inn*, Los Banos, at 1:30 P.M., Saturday, Mareh 23. The field trip leader is Howard Leach, 3828 French Ave., Saeramento, phone IV 9-1618. Those who plan to attend should make reservations early at the Canal Farm Inn or at other motels. Camping faeilities are available at Hatfield State Park on the San Joaquin River near Gustine.

MARCH MEETING

The 537th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Soeiety will be held on Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 P. M., in the First Unitarian Chureh at Geary & Franklin Streets, San Franeiseo.

This will oeeur during *Conservation Week*. The soeiety's main purpose is Conservation and it seems espeeially appropriate to feature a loeal problem. Mr. William Evans, Fish Management Supervisor of California Fish and Game, will bring to us a very fine illustrated leeture on Save San Franeiseo Bay, a topie of vital eoneern to every resident in the area. Come and bring a guest.

Dinner will be served for $1.00, at 6, at the ehurch. Please make reservations by ealling Valeria DaCosta in San Franeiseo, WE 1-5257 Myra Browne in the East Bay, LO 8-1921. —MYRA BROWNE, *Program Chairman*

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Albany, Mr. Kenneth Berman; from Berkeley, Miss Claire Hellman, Mr. & Mrs. O. Mangasarian, Solano Pet Shop; from Daly City, Mr. & Mrs. Dudley F. Sullivan; from Fresno, Mr. John Thomasian; from Oakland, Mrs. Albert Boles, Mrs. Flora Eckstrom, Miss Myrtle L. Huffman, Miss Laurie Lanham, Miss Graee Lewis, from San Franeiseo, Miss Stella Carretti, Mr. & Mrs. M. M. Crawford, Miss Helen Myers, Miss Marion E. Turner; from San Leandro, Mrs. Ineze Kjar. —VALERIA DaCOSTA, *Membership, Chairman*

FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH

On Tuesday, Mareh 12, to Riehardson Bay and other Marin Peninsula points. We will visit the Riehardson Bay Wildlife Refuge established through the efforts of the Riehardson Bay Foundation and the National Audubon Soeiety. This area was patrolled by an Audubon Warden, Mr. John C. Larson, Jr., during the last waterfowl hunting season. He will be present to give us a talk on the history of the Vietorian house restored by Mrs. Donald Diekey, and the bird population oeeupying the sanetuary during winter months. Belvedere, San Quentin and San Pedro Points, (MeNear's Beaeh) will, also, be visited if time permits. Meet at the parking area just north of the Riehardson Bay Bridge on U. S. Highway, 101, at 9:30 a. m. Bring luneh, warm elothing, binoeulars, teleseopes, and interested friends. Leader, Mrs. Valeria DaCosta, WE 1-5257.

On Sunday, Mareh 17, to Rodeo Lagoon. Meet at the parking area just north of the Golden Gate Bridge at 9 a. m. This is always an interesting trip with many speeies of water birds present on either the oeean or the braekish lagoons behind the sandbar. Early spring migrants and Allen's Hummingbirds ean be expeeted. Leader, A. Laurenee Curl, LAndseape, 6-7004.

On Saturday, Mareh 23, to Tilden Park. Meet at Spruee Street Reservoir at 9 a. m. From San Franeiseo take 8:11 a. m. "F" bus and transfer to No. 67 at University Avenue at 8:57 a. m. Orange-erowned and Wilson's Warblers may be seen and heard. A hike to nearby hills will be made to see spring flowers. Our leader is a botanist as well as a birder. Leader, L. R. Leinbaeh, LA 6-7649.

On Sunday, Mareh 31, to Farallon Islands on Privateer II. Departure will be from Berkeley Harbor, at 5:30 a. m., with a later pick up of passengers in San Franeiseo. Complete information as to time, elothing, ete., will be sent to all who reserve a spaee. Fee $8.50 per person. This should be sent to the Field Trips Chairman, Harold G. Peterson, 3548 65th Ave., Oakland 5, with your name, address, and *phone number*. Make all eheeks payable to the Golden Gate Audubon Soeiety Ine. Names will be plaeed on the passenger list in the order reeeived. Spaee limited. Leaders to be announced. —HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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